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SUBJECT: UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (MANILA): TEXT OF
BOURNE SPEECH AS DELIVERED

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1. TEXT OF DR. BOURNE'S MAY 23 SPEECH TO UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD
FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. LABOUISSSE, AND MEMBERS
OF THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE AND
HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS MORNING.

2. I WANT TO BEGIN BY CONVEYING TO YOU THE PERSONAL GREETINGS
OF PRESIDENT CARTER ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR YOUR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF
THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. AS YOU MAY KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER
AND HIS FAMILY HAVE HAD A LONSTANDING INTEREST IN THE HUMAN
NEEDS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER, A NURSE,
WENT TO INDIA AT THE AGE OF 68 TO WORK IN A FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAM AS A MEMBER OF OUR PEACE CORPS, AND HIS WIFE, ROSALYNNN,
HAS A LONGSTANDING INTEREST IN A VARIETY OF HEALTH PROBLEMS.
MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER WILL SOON TRAVEL TO A NUMBER OF LATIN
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AMERICAN COUNTRIES, DURING WHICH SHE HOPES TO VISIT A
UNICEF PROJECT. ALSO, ONLY 2 WEEKS AGO DURING THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, THE PRESIDENT, IN
A MESSAGE TO THE ASSEMBLY STATED, "WE WILL WORK TOGETHER
WITH ALL NATIONS TO CONTROL DISEASE, IMPROVE NUTRITION,
AND RAISE THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF LIFE THROUGH-
OUT THE WORLD." I WANTED TO MENTION THIS TO INDICATE THE

STRONG INTEREST AND PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO HELP DEAL WITH THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE HAS ASKED ME TO READ TO YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

"THIS IS TO CONVEY, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, MY SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH UNICEF STANDS.

"THE VERY IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF UNICEF IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ME IN THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE TO BE FREE OF POVERTY AND HUNGER AND DISEASE. THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS YOU PLACE ON MEETING THE HUMAN NEEDS OF CHILDREN, THE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE WORLD, MAKE YOUR EFFORTS EVEN THAT MUCH MORE ESSENTIAL TO THE GOAL OF SEEKING HUMAN FREEDOM AND DIGNITY FOR ALL MANKIND.

JIMMY CARTER
--THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES"

I HAVE DELIVERED THE ORIGINAL OF THIS MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN.

3. THERE IS PROBABLY NO SINGLE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION MORE WELL KNOWN AND HIGHLY REGARDED IN MY COUNTRY THAN THE ONE KNOWN BY THE FAMILIAR ACRONYM OF UNICEF. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK OF YOUR ORGANIZATION TO HELP THE NEEDY AND DESERVING CHILDREN OF THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS HELD THE SPECIAL ATTENTION, AND AFFECTION, OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.

4. AS YOU KNOW MY COUNTRY WAS PRIVILEGED TO BECOME AN EARLY AND STRONG SUPPORTER OF UNICEF'S WORK TO ASSIST THE LESS FORTUNATE AREAS OF THE WORLD. TODAY WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, BOTH THROUGH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS, UNICEF'S PROGRAMS FOR BETTER HEALTH, NUTRITION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION AMONG CHILDREN IN SCORES OF COUNTRIES.

5. MUCH MORE, OF COURSE, REMAINS TO BE DONE IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN OUR GOAL OF PROVIDING BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN EVERYWHERE. MILLIONS OF CHILDREN STILL DIE AT CHILDBIRTH OR SUFFER EARLY DEATHS THROUGH INFANT STARVATION, NEGLECT, AND DISEASE. IN SOME COUNTRIES 50 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN STILL DIE BEFORE THEY REACH FIVE YEARS OF AGE. TOO MANY MORE ARE DENIED THE FULLNESS AND RICHNESS OF LIFE THROUGH INADEQUATE DIETS, DEBILITATING PARASITIC

INFECTIONS, OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES, AND LACK OF EDUCATION.
IN SOME REMOTE AREAS WE STILL, UNFORTUNATELY, DO NOT EVEN
KNOW WHAT OUR CHILDREN'S REAL NEEDS ARE:

6. THE WORLD CANNOT AFFORD, AND WE CANNOT TOLERATE,
THESE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS ANY LONGER, FOR THE MEANS TO
ALLEVIATE THEM ARE AT HAND. WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT,
GIVEN THE SUFFICIENT PRIORITY IN NATIONAL PLANNING, ADEQUATE
CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN CAN BE PROVIDED. AND WE KNOW THAT
UNICEF, WORKING CLOSELY WITH RELATED INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES,
CAN PROVIDE NECESSARY EXTERNAL RESOURCES TO TACKLE MANY
PROBLEMS INVOLVING CHILDREN'S BASIC NEEDS.

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7. LET ME MENTION AT LEAST TWO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
AREAS WHERE THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES WE NEED TO
CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS:

8. THE FIRST MAJOR AREA CONCERNS MALNUTRITION. AN
ADEQUATE DIET IS OFTEN THE KEY FACTOR IN HELPING CHILDREN
TO WARD OFF INFECTIOUS DISEASE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT
10 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SUFFER FROM SEVERE PROTEIN/CALORIE DEFICIENCY; ANOTHER
80 MILLION SUFFER ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS GRIEVOUSLY; AND A
THIRD GROUP NUMBERING INTO THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS DO NOT
HAVE THE MINIMUM DIET PRESCRIBED FOR THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES. MANY SUFFER VITAMIN DEFICIENCY DISEASES.

UNICEF, OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, AND INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING MUCH TO ALLEVIATE THIS BLEAK PICTURE. BUT WE CAN AND MUST DO MORE.

9. THE SECOND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AREA IS COMPREHENSIVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES. FAMILIES MUST BE PROVIDED WITH EDUCATION AND MEANS TO ASSURE RESPONSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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PARENTHOOD, TO LIMIT THEIR FAMILY TO THE SIZE THEY CAN PROVIDE FOR. PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN MUST BE PROVIDED MEDICAL AND NUTRITIONAL SERVICES TO SAFEGUARD THEIR OWN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S HEALTH. INFANTS AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN MUST BE PROVIDED WITH PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE MEDICAL SERVICES. LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE MORE THAN 80 MILLION CHILDREN BORN EACH YEAR ARE BEING IMMUNIZED AGAINST PREVENTABLE DISEASES. A MAJOR EFFORT IS NEEDED DURING THESE CRITICAL PERIODS OF HIGH RISK IF OUR CHILDREN ARE TO SURVIVE AND GROW TO DEVELOP THEIR FULL HUMAN POTENTIAL.

10. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF UNICEF PROGRAMS AS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS. WE BELIEVE THE CONCEPT OF "BASIC SERVICES," PROVIDING A GROUP OF RELATED, MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, IS SOUND AND DESERVES OUR SUPPORT. WE WILL JOIN OTHERS IN THE SUPPORT OF MEASURES THAT WILL HELP GIVE THE WORLD'S POOR MAJORITY ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES REQUIRED FOR GOOD HEALTH.

1. OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE WELCOMED OTHER COUNTRIES' INCREASED SHARING OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF UNICEF. IN 1975 UNICEF REACHED A GOAL OF \$100 MILLION IN EXPENDITURES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. LAST FALL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSED A NEW GOAL OF \$200 MILLION. I UNDERSTAND AS MR. LABOUISSSE SUGGESTED WE SHOULD REACH THIS TARGET WITHOUT FAIL BY 1979, THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

12. I HARDLY NEED TO TELL YOU THAT THIS WILL ONLY DEAL WITH A MERE FRACTION OF THE PROBLEM. MUCH OF THE INCREASED EXPENDITURES, AND THE EFFORT, WILL OF NECESSITY HAVE TO COME FROM THE INDIVIDUAL NATIONS AFFECTED. BUT UNICEF, IN HELPING TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS, IN DESIGNING PROGRAMS, AND IN PROVIDING THE TRAINING AND INITIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT, WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A CENTRAL CATALYTIC ROLE
FOR MANY YEARS.

13. IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S FIRST BUDGET MESSAGE TO THE
U.S. CONGRESS THIS YEAR, HE REQUESTED INCREASED DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS, MOST OF WHICH WILL GO TO
HELP THE DEVELOPING WORLD MEET ITS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.
SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN MY COUNTRY WILL
BE ENCOURAGED FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

14. AS A DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. COMMITMENT TOWARD A
STRONG UNICEF, AND IN SUPPORT OF ITS EXCELLENT WORK, THE
PRESIDENT WILL SOON ASK OUR CONGRESS, IN ADDITION TO THE
\$20 MILLION ALREADY REQUESTED, TO INCREASE MY GOVERNMENT'S
CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF BY AN ADDITIONAL 25 PERCENT, ADDING
ANOTHER \$5 MILLION FOR A TOTAL OF \$25 MILLION FOR 1978.

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15. MONEY ALONE, OF COURSE, WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT.
SOUND MANAGEMENT, CONCENTRATION ON QUALITY PROGRAMS, AND
DEDICATED PEOPLE ARE ESSENTIAL.

16. I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE WITH THESE THOUGHTS: OUR
INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE
THE APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN ABSOLUTE
POVERTY, HUNGER, AND DESPAIR. NOT ONLY IS THIS INTOLERABLE
TO OUR SENSE OF JUSTICE, BUT CONTINUATION OF THIS
DISPARITY BETWEEN RICH AND POOR CAN ONLY LEAD TO POLITICAL

AND SOCIAL UPHEAVAL THAT WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO
FURTHER HUMAN SUFFERING.

17. THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR
INTERDEPENDENCE AND JOIN TOGETHER TO DEDICATE THEIR
MINDS, THEIR HEARTS, AND THEIR TALENTS TO THE SOLUTION
OF THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH THREATEN THE SURVIVAL OF US ALL.

18. WE MUST FREE OURSELVES FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF
NATIONAL PREJUDICE AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE FORCES WHICH
UNITE MANKIND ARE INCOMPARABLY GREATER THAN THOSE WHICH
SEPARATE IT. WE MUST ESTABLISH A WORLD ORDER OF PEACE,
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JUSTICE, AND COMPASSION IN WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE
ARE ONE BODY OF PEOPLE WITH SHARED PROBLEMS DEPENDENT
ON ONE BODY OF RESOURCES.

19. WE MUST HELP ALL MANKIND TO ACHIEVE THE BASIC
NEEDS THAT TRANSCEND IDEOLOGY, FREEDOM FROM HUNGER,
PHYSICAL SUFFERING AND DISEASE, WAR, PESTS, POLLUTION OF
THE ENVIRONMENT, AND SERVITUDE TO OTHERS, THE DESIRE TO
SEE ONE'S CHILDREN GROW UP TO BE HAPPY AND HAVE A BETTER
CHANCE IN THE WORLD THAN WE DID. THE ABILITY TO ENHANCE
ONE'S POSITION IN SOCIETY AND IN THE WORLD BY VIRTUE OF
ONE'S OWN MERITS AND HARD WORK, THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL
FREELY, TO BE EDUCATED, TO HAVE THE BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY
AND MATERIAL THINGS, AND THE TIME TO ENJOY THEM.
ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE, SHARE THESE
ASPIRATIONS, AND WE SHOULD HELP THEM BE FULFILLED.

20 THERE IS SIMPLY NO ALTERNATIVE THAN TO SUPPORT A
GLOBAL POLICY OF IMPROVED HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND MATERNAL
AND CHILD SERVICES. PRESIDENT CARTER RECOGNIZES THE
IMPORTANCE OF A HUMAN NEEDS POLICY AND HAS AND WILL
CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS COMMITMENTS IN THIS AREA.

21. IT IS WITH THESE THOUGHTS THAT I CLOSE AND PLEDGE
ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT OUR FULLEST SUPPORT FOR UNICEF, AND THE
CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. END TEXT.
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